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Development of Beypore Coir Factory.

* 1202 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any scheme for the development of Beypore Coir Factory, Kozhikode taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no regular Coir Factory at Beypore now. But there is a factory section attached to the Government Coir School, Beypore. There is no scheme at present for the development of the factory section."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that coir industry is an important one in Malabar providing employment to a large section of the poor, will the Government consider the desirability of organizing that industry in Malabar on a co-operative basis? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

Medical concessions to the village officers.

* 1203 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the reasons for withholding the Non-Gazetted Officers' medical concessions to the village officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Non-Gazetted Officers' medical concession has not been extended to the village officers due to the present financial position of the State."

Grant of subsidy for the purchase and sale of foodgrains.

* 1204 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount paid as bonus or subsidy for the purchase and sale of foodgrains during the years 1951–52 and 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Statements [a] showing the amounts paid as bonus or subsidy during 1951–52 and 1952–53 are placed on the table of the House."

Death of sheep due to infectious disease in Vadakkikottai, Pattukkottai taluk.

* 1205 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of sheep that died due to some kind of infectious disease in Vadakkikottai, Pattukkottai taluk, Tanjore district, in 1953; and

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(b) the action taken to prevent the disease from spreading to other villages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) No representation either from the village headman or from the residents of Vadakkikottai village, Pattukkottai taluk, regarding prevalence of infectious diseases among sheep in the village was received by the District Veterinary Officer, Tanjore, in the year 1953. There was, however, a report from the Therkukottai village nearby and it was promptly attended to by the Veterinary staff. The entire herd was treated for parasitic trouble and there was no spread of the disease."

Utilization of the amount allotted out of the Central Road Fund.

* 1206 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the amount received from the Government of India as Madras State quota from the Central Road Fund;

(b) how this amount has been spent or is proposed to be spent with details of allotment of funds, the nature and the estimated cost of each selected work; and

(c) the principle on which works have been selected?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper[a] laid on the table of the House."

Grant of takkavi loans to the ryots of Salem district.

* 1207 Q.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by the Government from the ryots of each taluk of Salem district for takkavi loans in 1953;

(b) how many of the applicants have been sanctioned loan; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) to (c) A statement[b] is placed on the table of the House."

Supply of water to the City of Madras.

* 1208 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the present level of water in the Red Hills Lake;

(b) the daily out-put (supply) to the City of Madras;

(c) why supply to the city is still restricted during day time;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 337–338 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 339 infra.